

In the currently outstanding non-final Official Action, the Examiner has:

1. Identified the following species of the present invention that he alleges to be patentably distinct from one another:

Species A – Figures 1-16,

Species B – Figures 17-21.

2. Required the Applicants to elect one of the foregoing species under 35 USC 121 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted in the event that no generic claim is found to be allowable.
3. Required Applicant to list all of the pending claims that he deems to be readable on the elected species;
4. Indicated that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims directed to additional species, which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim.
5. Reminded Applicants that any claims added to this application must specify the species to which they are directed.